

Yardley THE Gnome's Activity Book



The Quest for a cleaner world begins inside...

DO YOU KNOW ME?
I'M

Yardley THE Gnome

I LOVE TO
Work AND I LOVE TO
Roam

I LOVE FRESH AIR,
GREEN GRASS & TREES

SQUIRRELS, RACCOONS,
& BUSY BEES

I LOVE TO KEEP THE

WORLD

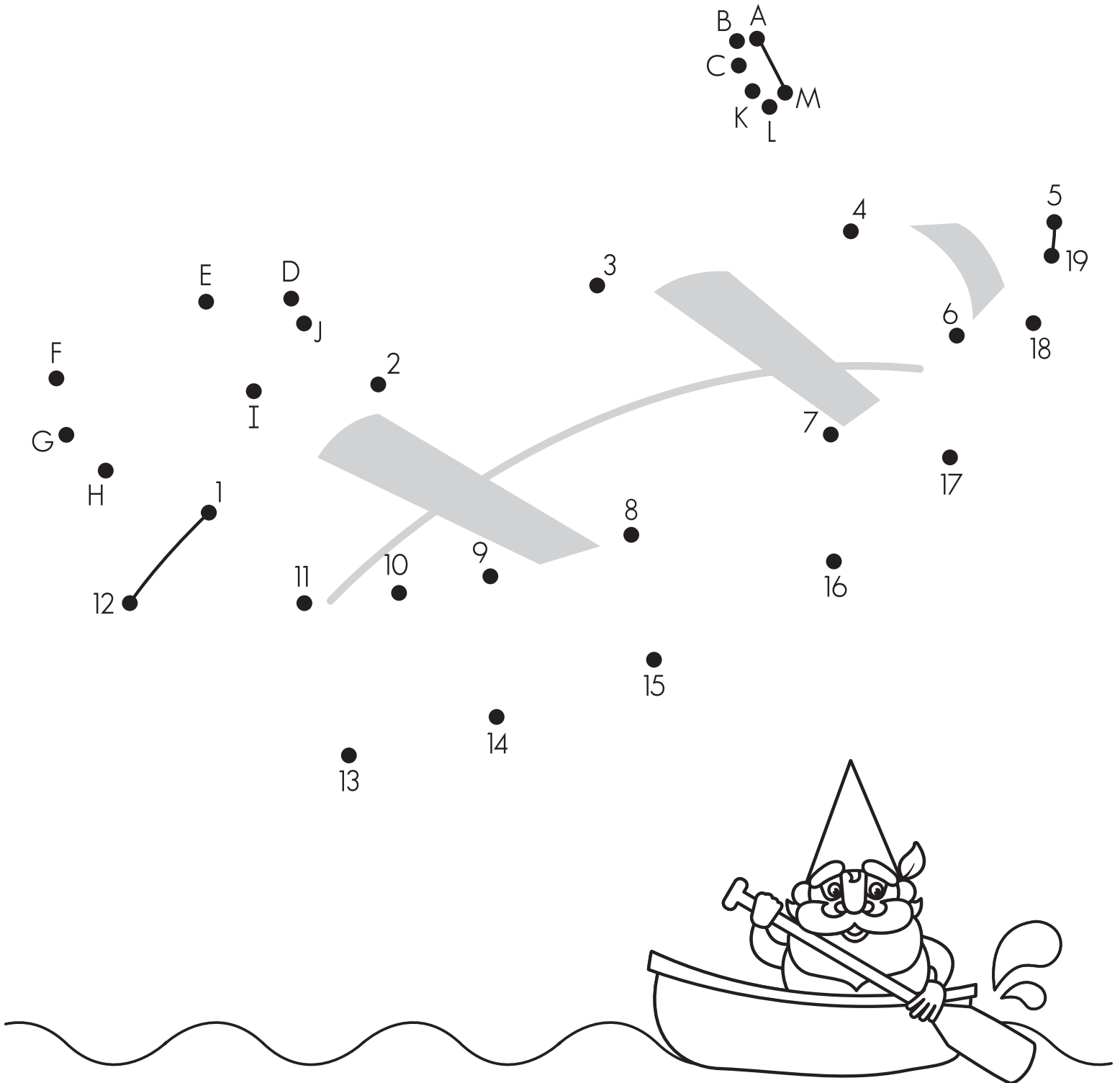
HAPPY & CLEAN

Will you help me?

LET'S BE A **TEAM**



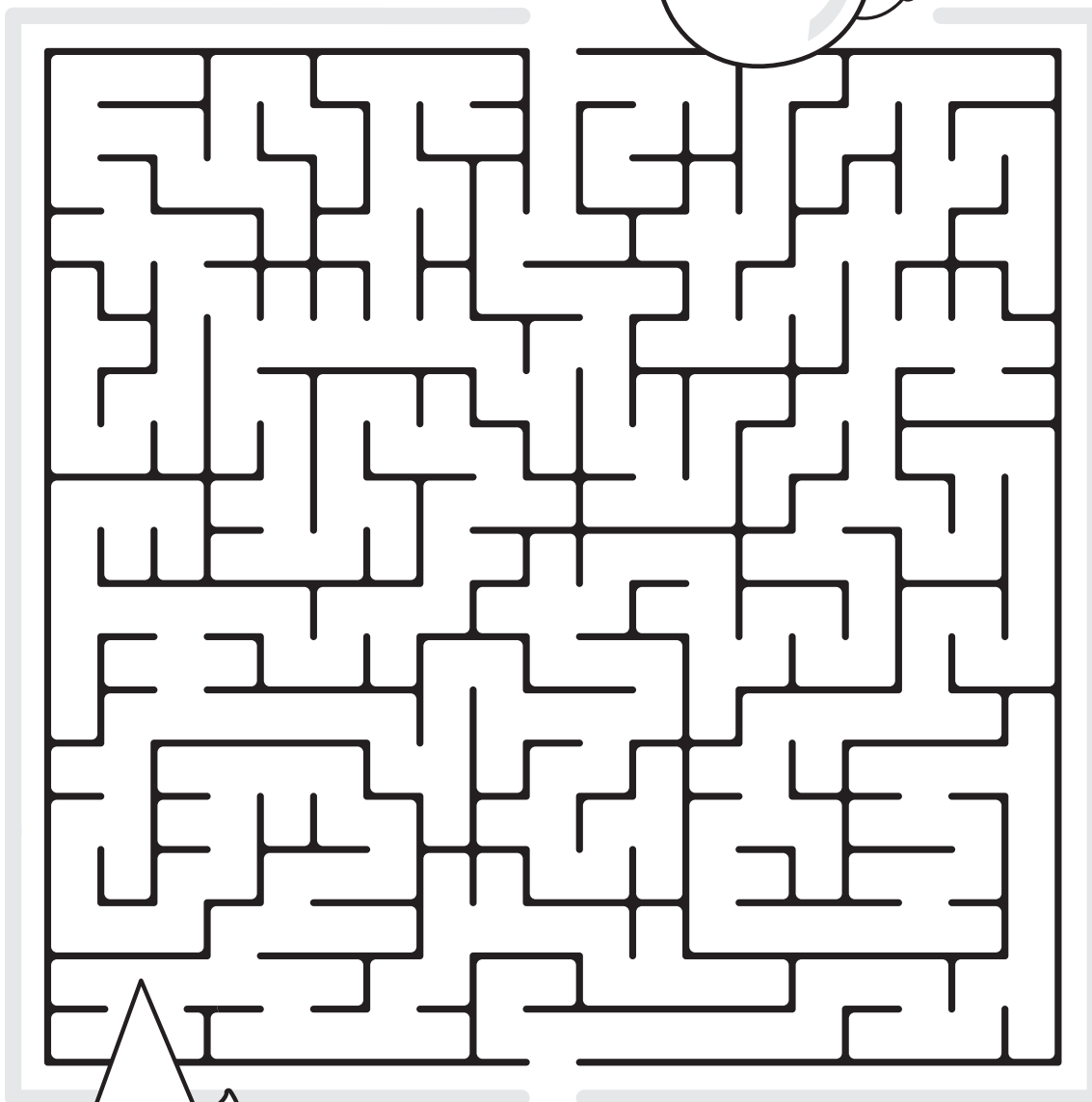
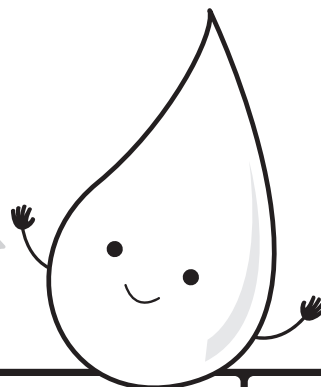
How does Yardley get from place to place? Connect the dots to find out.



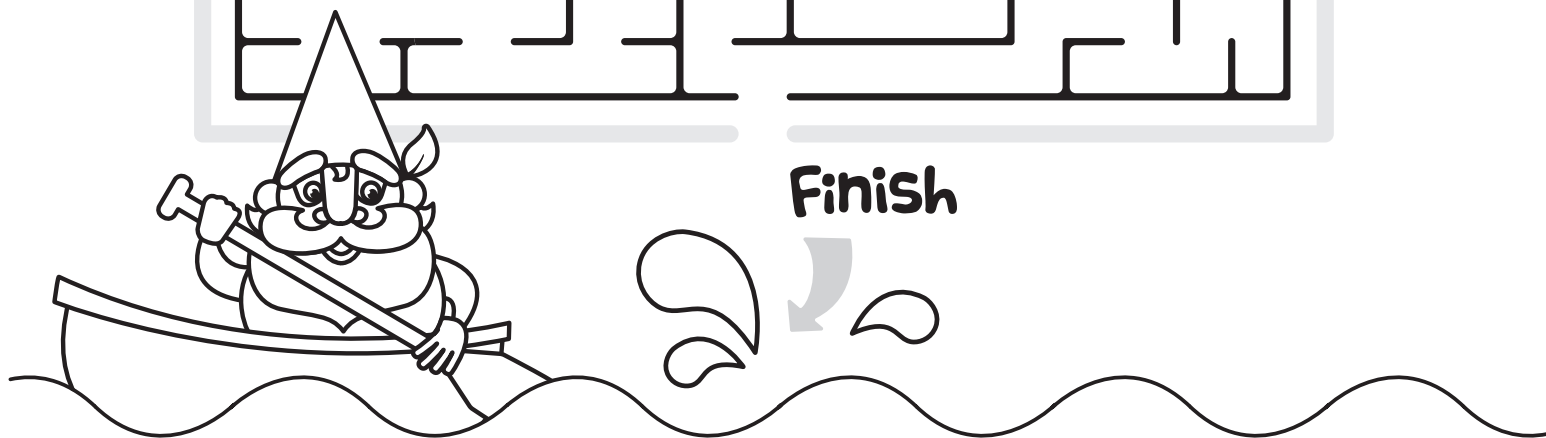
Have you ever noticed a metal opening on the side of the street? That's a storm drain! It carries rainwater to coulees, bayous and rivers. Our waterways are all connected – I use them to get around!

Our waterways are
a-**maze**-ing! Help the
raindrop reach the river.

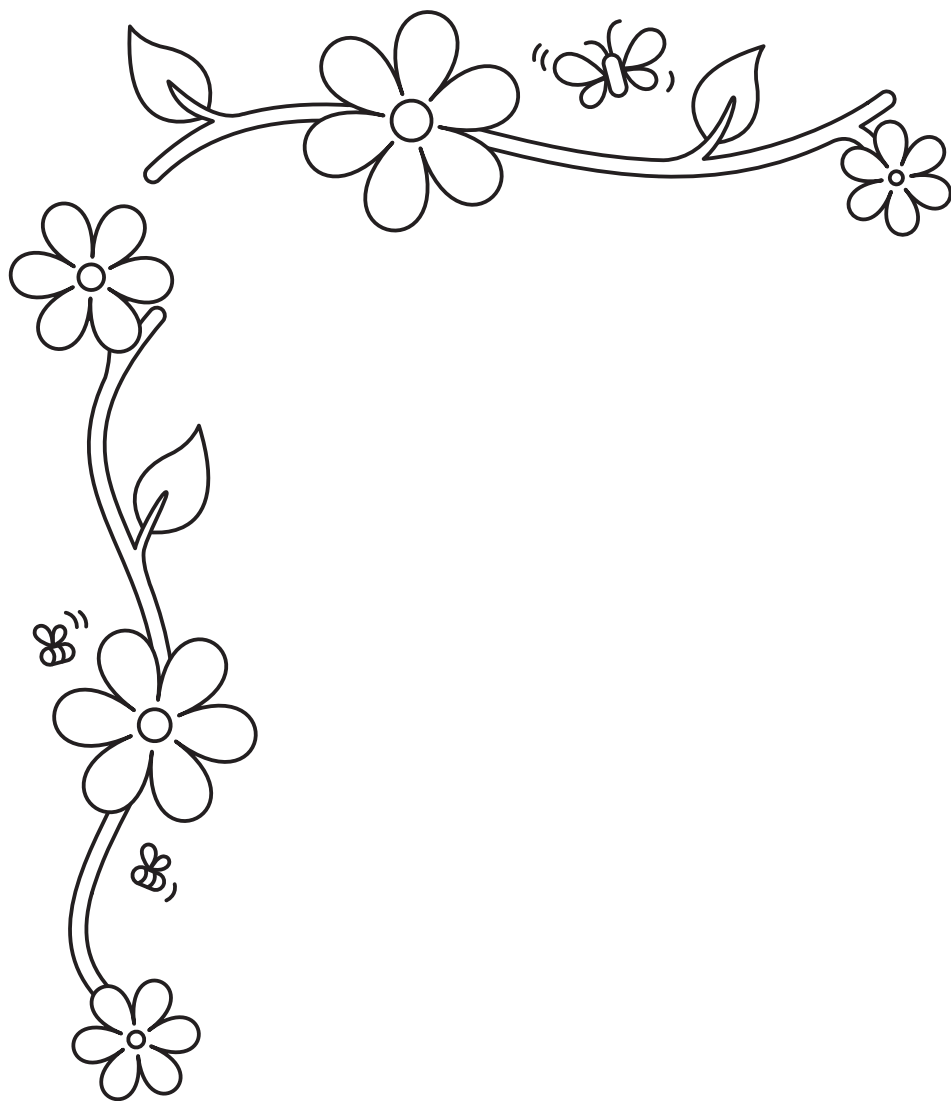
Start



Finish



Where does all the water go? South Louisiana is part of the Lower Mississippi watershed. A watershed is an area of land where water drains into a larger body of water. Our watershed flows into the Gulf of Mexico.



Draw Your Favorite
Plants!

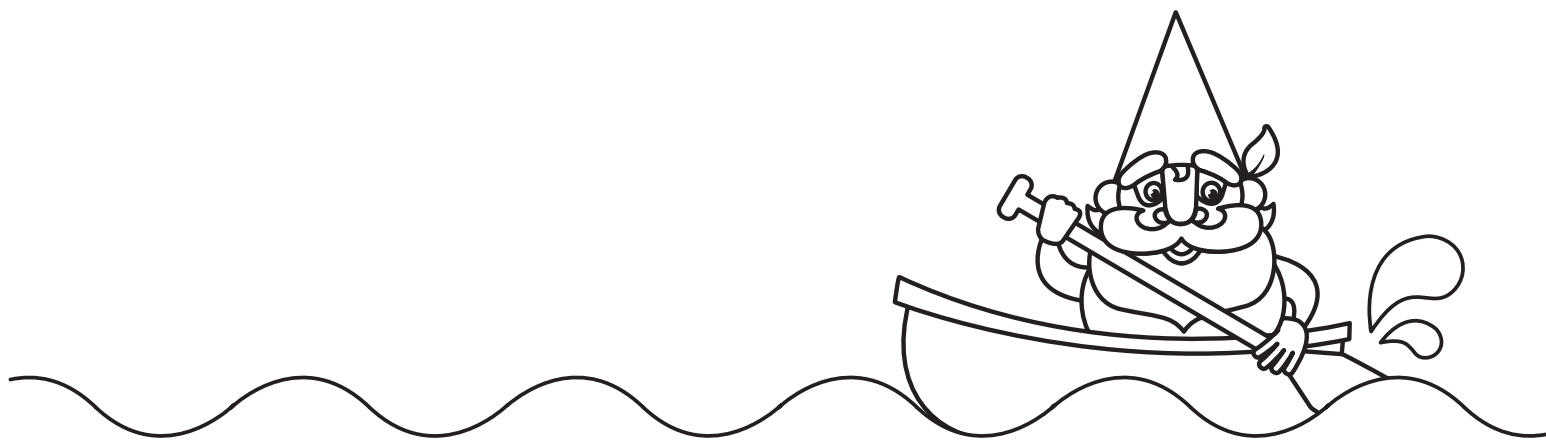


Erosion happens when soil gets washed away. That means less land for all of us and dirty water for fish and other animals. Plants, big and small, help prevent erosion by holding the soil in place with their roots.

Here are some words
associated with creating a
clean world. Find them all!

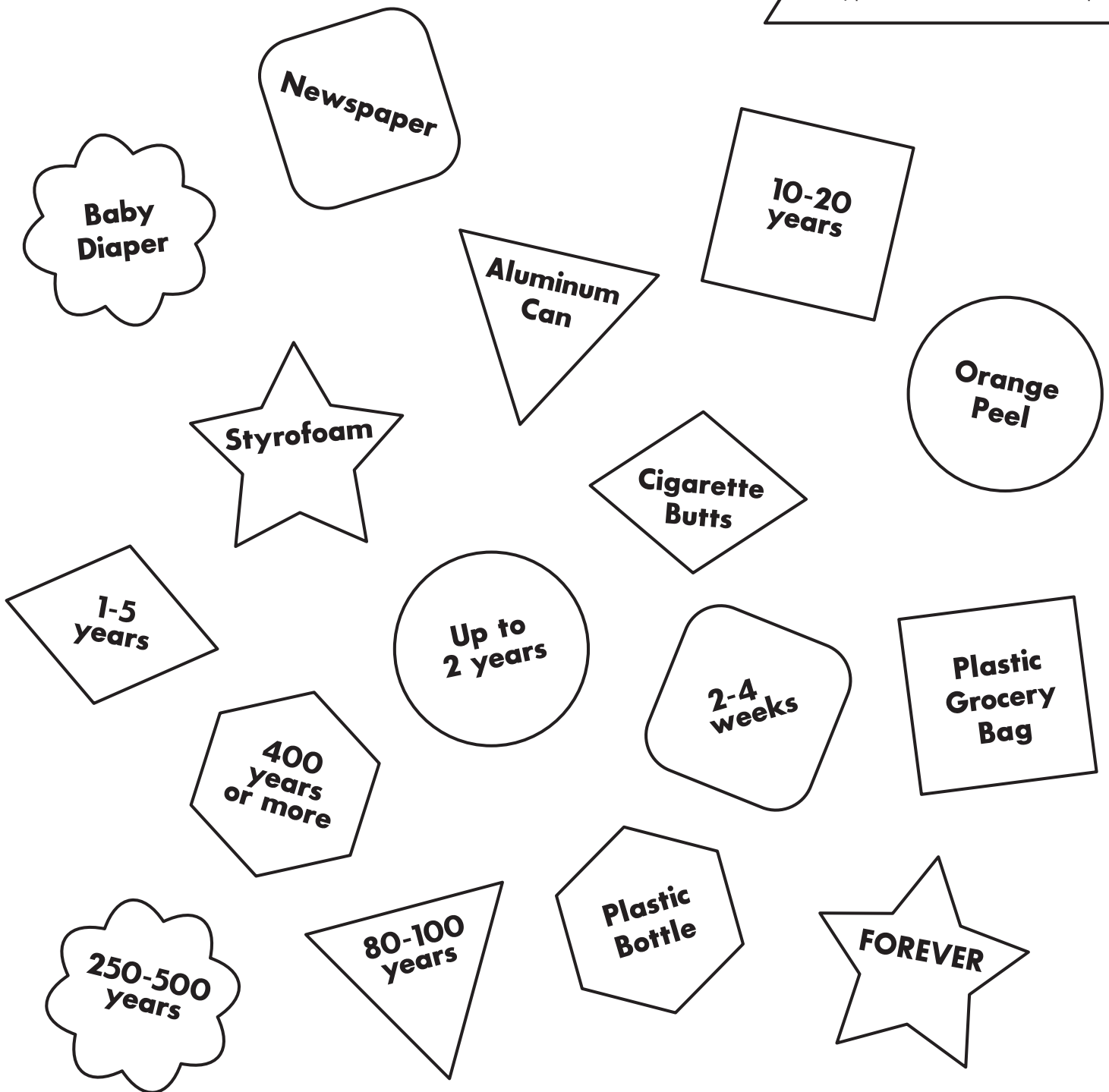
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CANS
CLEAN UP
ENVIRONMENT
GNOME
HELP
LITTER
PLASTIC
PLEDGE
PRIDE
RECYCLE
RIVER
SOIL
SQUIRREL
TEAM
TRASH
VOLUNTEER
WATER
YARDLEY



There are lots of ways to help make your community a better place: picking up trash, painting, and even planting flowers. You can make a difference when you know what to look for and what to do.

Match the shapes to learn how long it takes different types of litter to decompose.



Some litter is biodegradable, which means nature can break it down. This can take years. But some litter lasts a really long time – even hundreds of years. That's why it's important to put litter where it belongs.

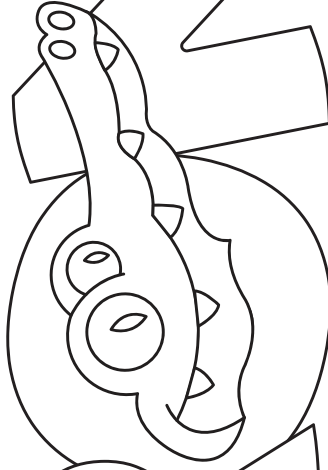
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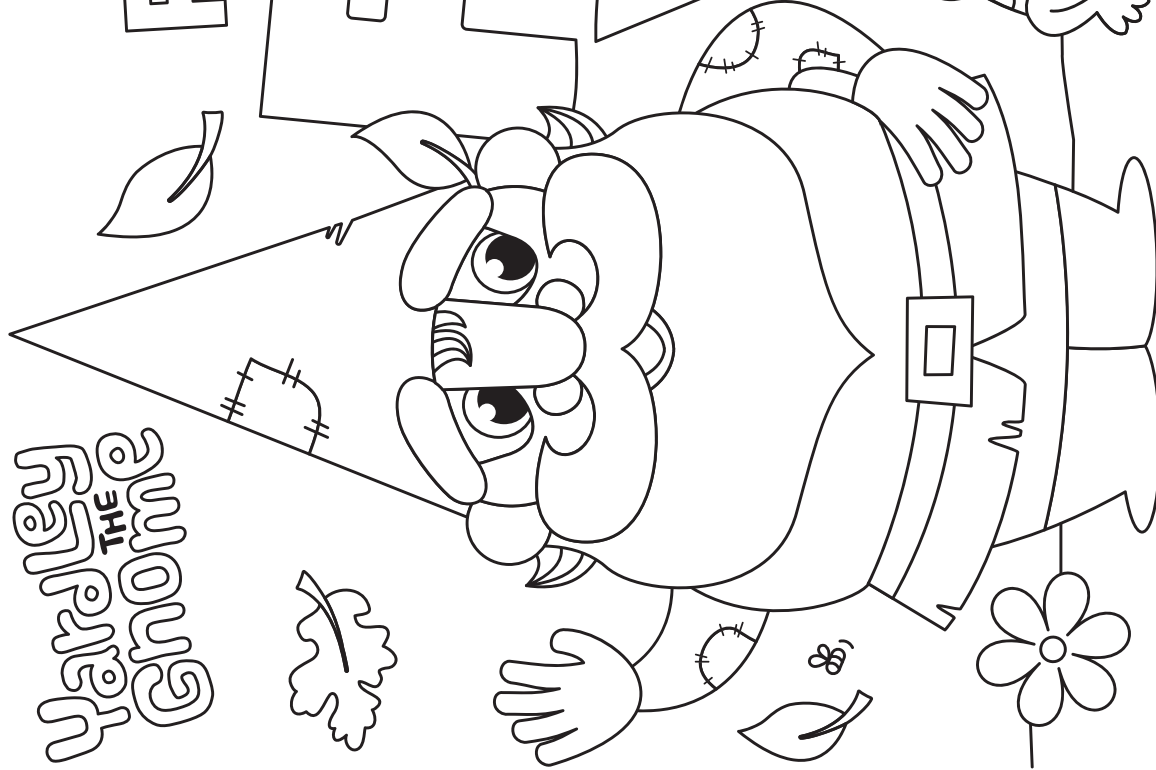
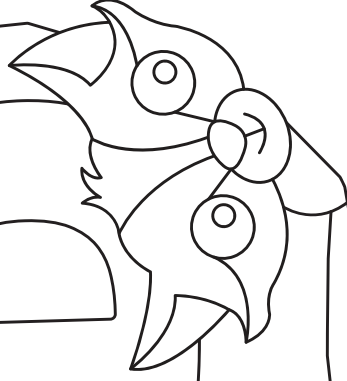
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The animals
are Yardley's
friends,

so he helps
keep their world
litter-free.



Now it's
time for you
to begin

To color
the critters
you see.



Learn the difference
between compost,
recyclables and trash.

COMPOST

Decays naturally into
food for plants.

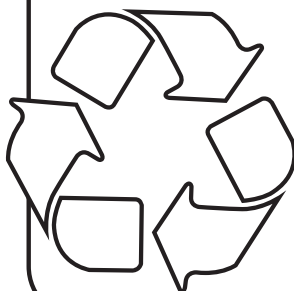
- Vegetable peels and scraps, such as potato peels
- Apple cores
- Banana peels
- Nuts and shells
- Coffee grounds
- Eggshells
- Leaves
- Grass clippings



RECYCLE

Materials are used to
make new items.

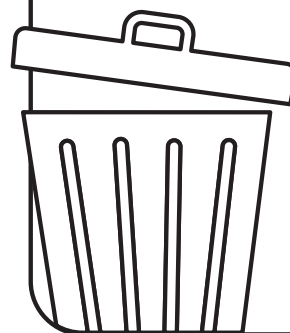
- Paper
- Newspapers
- Aluminum cans
- Cereal boxes
- Cardboard boxes
- Tin cans
- Aluminum foil
- Glass food containers
- Recyclable plastic



Trash

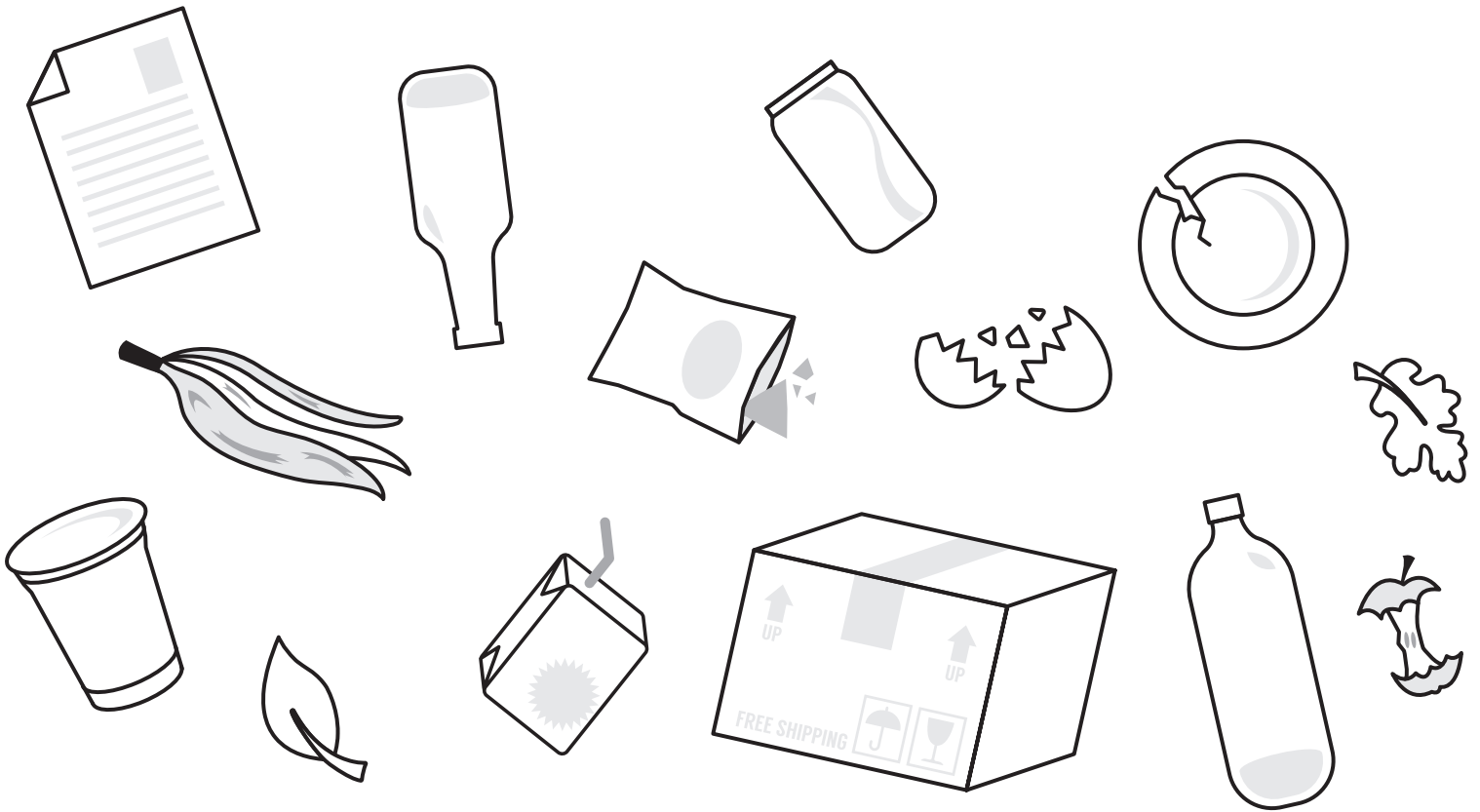
Can't be re-used.
Belongs in a landfill.

- Styrofoam
- Wood
- Used food containers, like pizza boxes, juice boxes, chip bags
- Ceramics, like broken dishes or coffee mugs
- Used plastic utensils
- Cat Litter
- Dental Floss
- Pens and pencils



Some litter, like banana peels and coffee grounds, can be composted. Items like plastic bottles and glass jars can be recycled, which means they are made into new things. Sometimes, trash is just... trash!

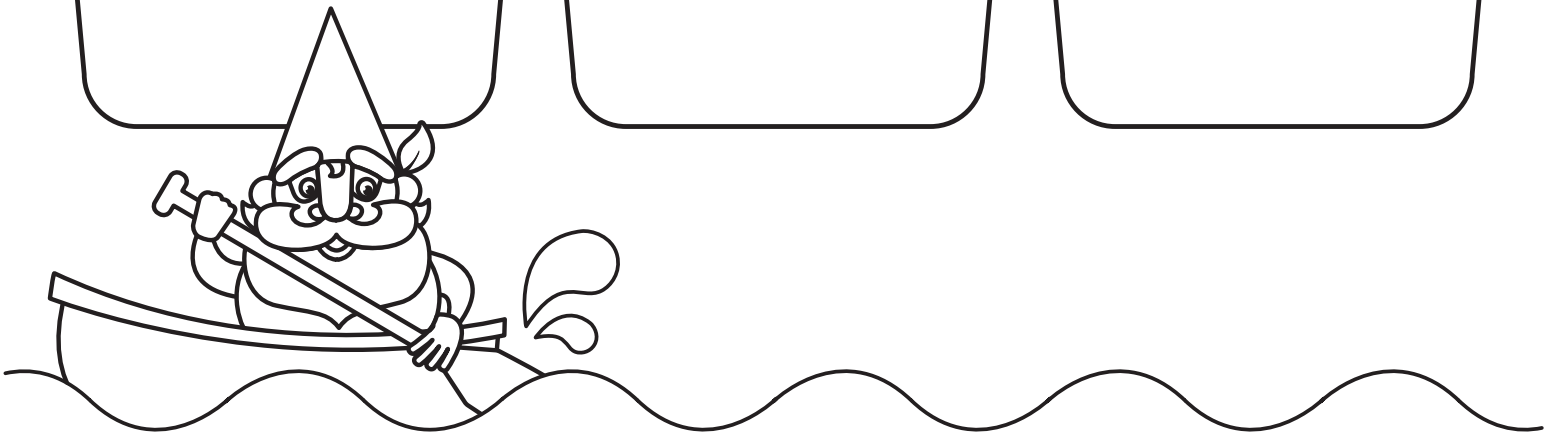
Draw lines to sort the items into bins. Only three items should end up in the trash!



COMPOST

RECYCLE

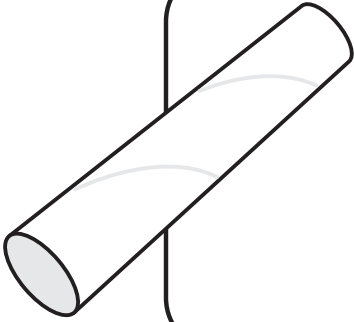
TRASH



Why does it matter where we throw things away? Because composting and recycling help reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfills.

Find fun ways to reuse items. What can you make with these recyclables?

creativity corner

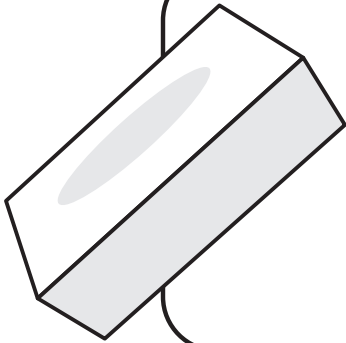


PAPER TOWEL ROLL

Use an empty paper towel roll to make a telescope, a rain stick, or a microphone!



MILK JUG What could you make with an empty milk jug?

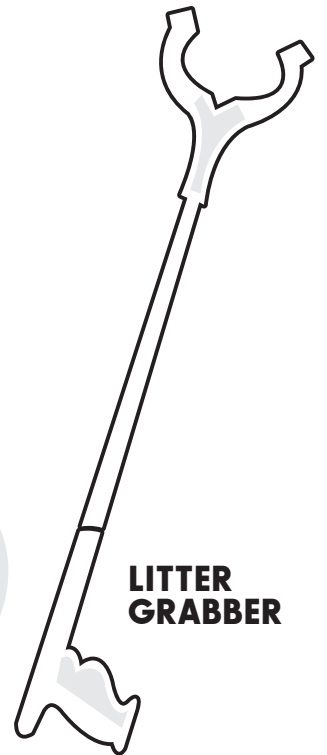


TISSUE BOX What could you make with an empty tissue box?

It's great when an item can be used more than once. It just takes a little imagination and supplies from around the house to turn "trash" into treasure.

Create your own Gnome

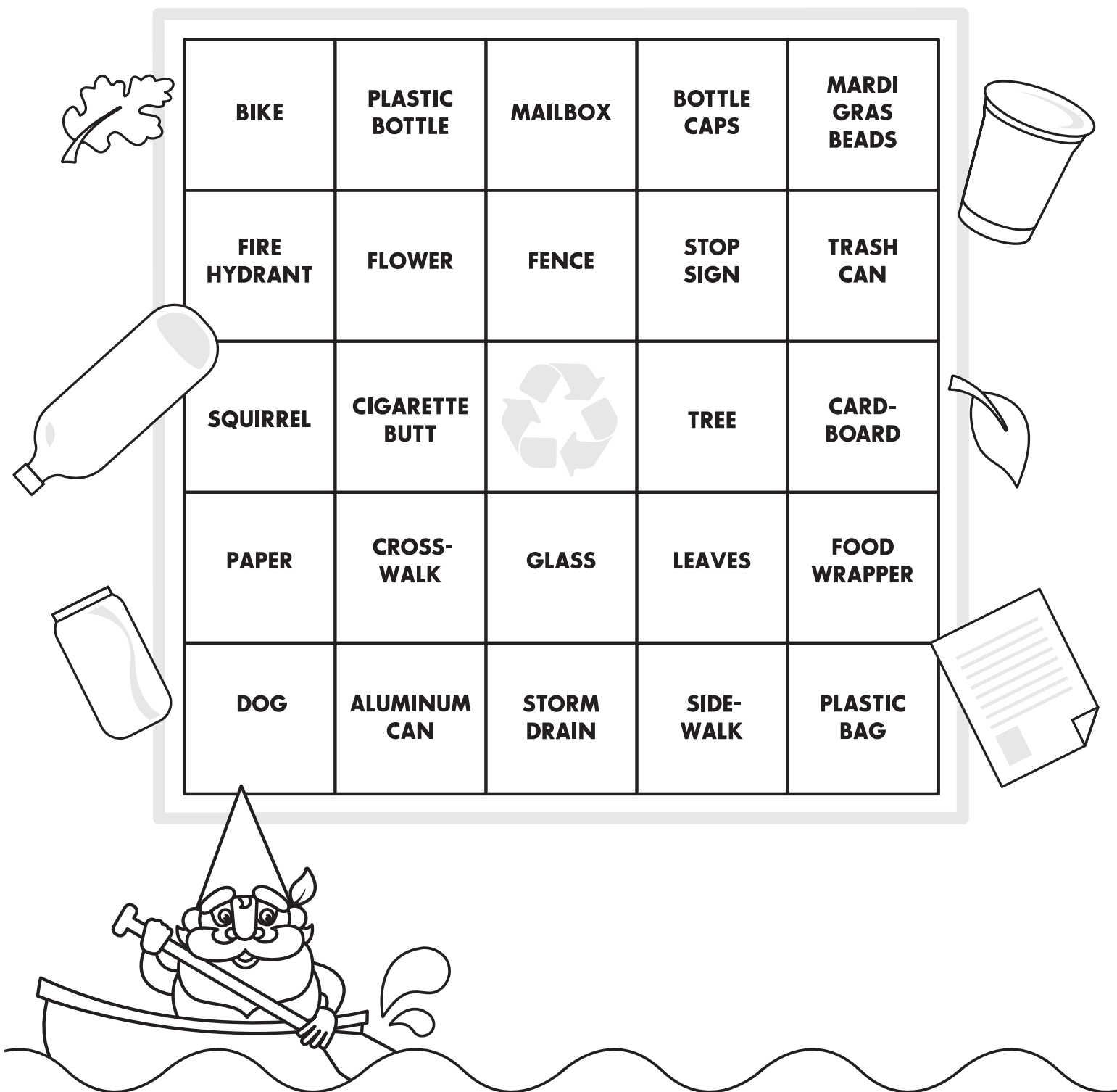
Anyone can tackle litter!
Along with your parents,
gather the tools you need.



Get ready to take a Litter Walk! Ask a grownup to help you get the tools you'll need, like gloves, bags for recycling and trash, and maybe even a litter grabber.

Put an **X** over the box
when you find an item.
Find five in a row to win!

LITTER WALK BINGO



Now you're ready for a Litter Walk! As you go, look carefully. Some things belong, like street signs, people on bikes, trees and birds, but litter does not. When you find it, pick it up!



TAKE THE LITTER QUITTER PLEDGE!

"I will demonstrate pride in my community by picking up the litter around me... to create a clean room, clean home, clean front yard, clean neighborhood, clean city, clean state, clean country, and a clean world."

Color, cut out, and wear your own Litter Quitter badge!



PROJECT FRONT YARD

is an initiative which brings together individuals, business, government, and media partners to address community beautification through education.

What began as an effort to address forty action items in Lafayette's Comprehensive Plan has grown into a regional movement to build awareness and stimulate improvement of the face of our local communities. Initiatives under Project Front Yard include revitalization of gateways, improved streetscapes, litter removal and prevention, public art, river cleanup, and education.

Project Front Yard initiatives are categorized by three areas of focus: Cleanliness; Beautification; Education.



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